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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Comments on the report "Evaluation of the implementation of the second phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education"

As a member of the NGO Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning, Points-Coeur welcomes the positive impact of the World Programme for Human Rights Education on national initiatives and congratulates States which have undertaken action plans since the beginning of the programme in 2005.

We would like to underline the importance of cooperation for greater efficiency in the implementation of Human Rights Education. We recommend strengthening collaboration between institutions within each State, but also between governments, with international organizations and NGOs. Cooperation is essential in ensuring coherence and providing support for States.

Points-Coeur values long-lasting progress and quality improvement in Human Rights Education. For more effective outcomes, States have the responsibility to further develop their initiatives and to institutionalize and legally frame the implementation of Human Rights Education.

Human Rights Education is a key tool for improving the wellbeing of every person. We remind countries of their future commitment in HRE regarding the adoption of target 4.7 in the SDGs. Nevertheless we regret that HRE is not transversal to all the SDGs.

We encourage all States to provide their national report and to strengthen their efforts in the field of HRE during the third phase of the programme. Every State will benefit from this active contribution to a consistent and substantive final report that will provide guidance for the future.